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SUBJ: UN EMERGENCY OPERATION: SYG WALDHEIM LETTER TO
SECY KISSINGER

1. PLEASE FIND QUOTED BELOW A LETTER DATE 11/7/74
FROM UNSYG WALDHEIM TO SECRETARY KISSINGER CONCERNING THE
UN EMERGENCY OPERATION FOR THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED
NATIONS.

2. THE LETTER CONTAINS AN APPEAL THAT PART OF THE U.S.
ASSISTANCE TO MSA'S BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE UN. IT IS
THEJUDGMENT OF USUN THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE IS
REQUIRED.

3. ORIGINAL BEXT BEING POUCHED.

4. QTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

PERMIT ME TO REVERT TO A MATTER WHICH WE DISCUSSED
ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR RECENT VISIT TO THTE UNITED
NATIONS, REGARDING THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY OPERATION
FOR THE MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED COUNTRIES. AT THAT TIME, I
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD
COME FORWARD WITH A SIZEABLE CONTRIBUTION. I ALSO SUGGESTED
CONSIDERATION OF THE IDEA THAT, WHATEVER THE TOTAL UNITED
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STATES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE, A CERTAIN AMOUNT

SHOULD BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS.

TOTAL BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COMMITMENTS FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PLEDGED TO DATE HAVE REACHED A LEVEL OF \$2.7 BILLION AND THAT OF THIS AMOUNT \$223 MILLION ARE TO BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. IT WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOU THAT \$160 MILLION OF THE LATTER AMOUNT WILL BE CONTRIBUTED BY OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES -- ALGERIA, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND VENEZUELA. THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME SUGGESTS STRONGLY THAT A CONTRIBUTION THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE IMPORTANT NOT ONLY IN ITSELF BUT ALSO IN STIMULATING ADDITIONAL PLEDGES BOTH BY THE OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND BY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN.

I THEREFOE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT YOU WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO CHANNEL A PORTION OF WHATEVER HELP THE UNITED STATES IS IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. I HAVE ALSO MENTIONED THIS MATTER TO PRESIDENT FORD DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

WITH KIND REGARDS.

YOURS SINCERELY,
KURT WALDHEIM UNQTE.
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